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## WI Outperforms MN In Job Creation

### Greetings!

The statistics on Wisconsin's positive economic outlook continue to roll in. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that in the last year **Wisconsin's job creation rate was more than double that of Minnesota's.**

Since last October, 23,900 new jobs were created in Minnesota. **In that same time period, over 50,000 new jobs were created in Wisconsin.** You can watch the video below for more details.

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Although our economies are very different, some people in Wisconsin like to make the argument that things are always better on the other side of the river. But here in Wisconsin, **our reforms to protect taxpayers and incentive job growth are working.** I look forward to continue to advocate for fiscally responsible policies that

do just that.

Sincerely,

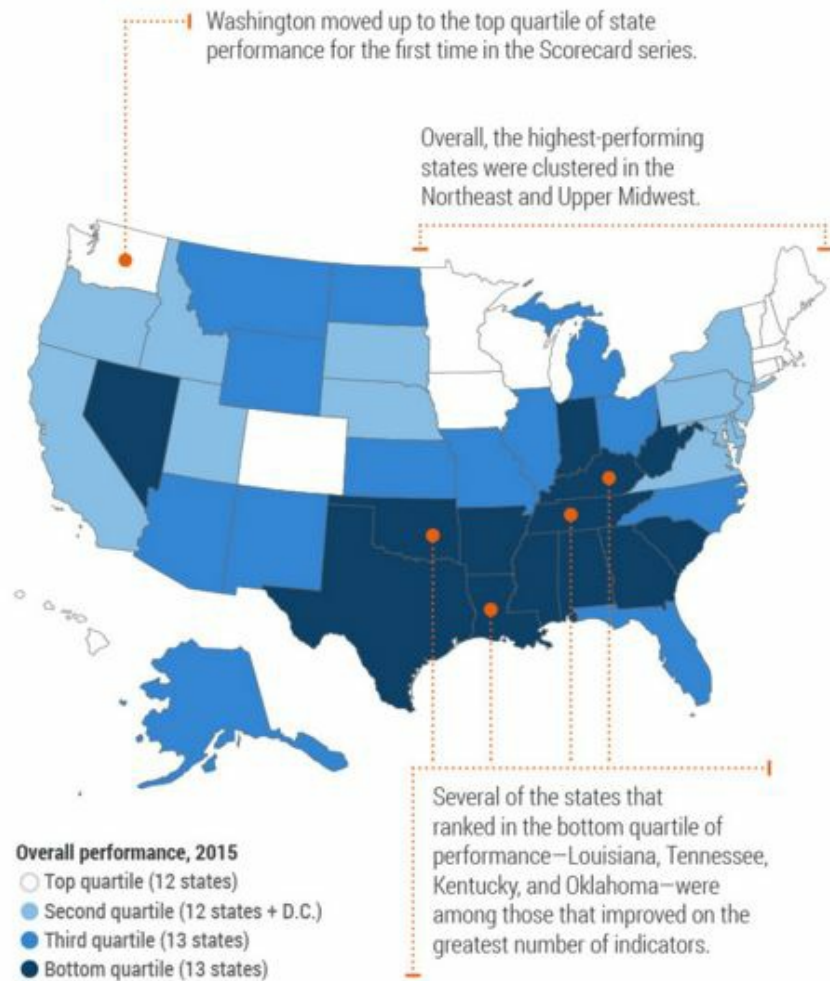
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean".

## Wisconsin's Health System Ranks High

Where you live matters, especially when it comes to access to quality healthcare. A new report from the 2015 Commonwealth Fund Scorecard shows that **Wisconsin's health care system is among the best in the country.**

The Scorecard uses 42 indicators to rank the health care systems in all fifty states and focuses on dimensions such as access and affordability, prevention and treatment, and healthy lifestyles. Overall, **Wisconsin ranked 11th** in the country for health care systems. You can click the picture below to view the Scorecard.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SCORECARD



## 8th H.O.P.E Bill Becomes Law

Earlier this week in Green Bay, Governor Walker signed the 8th H.O.P.E. (heroin and opiate prevention and education) bill into law. Pharmacies in Wisconsin can now distribute Narcon, an overdose reversing drug, with a doctor's standing order.

For several years my colleague Rep. John Nygren has led the charge against the heroin and opiate addiction epidemic in Wisconsin. Thanks to several H.O.P.E. laws passed this and last session, Narcon has been used many times to save the lives of loved ones. [Jails across the state are equipping themselves](#) with the life-saving drug, [police agencies are encouraging officers to keep the drug on hand](#), and [communities continue to educate themselves on how to properly use Narcon.](#)

**Heroin addiction has touched almost every city and town in Wisconsin.** Our community's proximity to the Twin Cities makes us especially vulnerable to its effects. **I'm proud to support legislation that gives us more tools in the fight against heroin addiction.**

To learn more about opiate and heroin addiction and what you can do to help, visit the [Department of Justice's Dose of Reality website.](#)

## River Falls Library: Library Of The Year

Yesterday I had the chance to spend some time at the River Falls Library. The library was recently named Library of the Year by the Wisconsin Library Association. Congratulations to the staff for their hard work and dedication to their community!

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